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Subject: Yucca Mountain

Dear Ms. Hanlon:

The subject of this letter pertains to the Nuclear Industry's lack of a centralized nuclear waste repository.

Please consider the fact that much effort, expense and planning has been devoted to Yucca Mountain, as yet to no avail.

I have not seen any credible evidence that nuclear waste storage at Yucca Mountain would have adverse effects on the surrounding area. All opposition to the site has been based on emotion, not grounded on science.

The storage containers for such nuclear materials have been designed with conservatism and excess margin for all postulated conditions to which they would or could be exposed.

To be certain, a central disposal site makes much more sense than to have a large number of individual storage locations.

I strongly urge the Department of Energy to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Spence", written in a cursive style.

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